

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Isle of Wight County, and the City of Suffolk invite citizens to a public meeting to discuss the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal bacteria impairments in the Upper Nansemond River Watershed. Water quality monitoring indicates that bacteria levels in the Nansemond River violate Virginia's water quality standards for shellfishing and primary contact recreation. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the impairments was approved by EPA in 2006 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/jamesrvr/nanshgl.pdf>

The Implementation Plan will identify ways to meet the pollutant reductions outlined in the TMDL study.

The first public meeting to begin development of the TMDL Implementation Plan will be held on:

Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 6:30pm
King's Fork Middle School
350 Kings Fork Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed reductions in bacteria needed in the watershed and to solicit public participation for the IP development. The IPs will include the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The IPs will also provide measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A fact sheet on the development of the IPs is available upon request.

How to comment: The public comment period on the development of the IP will end on August 10, 2009. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Jennifer Howell. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jennifer Howell at DEQ or Jennifer Tribo at HRPDC:

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